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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 TRAVELERS PROPERTY CASUALTY
11 COMPANY OF AMERICA, a foreign
insurance company,

12 Plaintiffs,

13 v.

14 NORTH AMERICAN TERRAZZO, INC., a
Washington Corporation,

15 Defendants.
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17 NORTH AMERICAN TERRAZZO, INC, a
Washington Corporation,

18 Third Party Plaintiff,
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20 v.

21 TERRAZZO & MARBLE SUPPLY CO. OF
ILLINOIS, a foreign corporation,

22 Third Party Defendant
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CASE NO. C19-1175 MJP


ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR
PROTECTIVE ORDER

1 THIS MATTER comes before the Court on Defendant North American Terrazzo's
2 Motion for Protective Order (Dkt. No. 29.) Having reviewed the Motion, the Response (Dkt.
3 No. 33), the Reply (Dkt. No. 37), and the related record, the Court DENIES the Motion.

4 Defendant North American Terrazzo seeks a protective order prohibiting Plaintiff
5 Travelers Property Casualty Company of America from conducting depositions or any other
6 discovery until the Court rules on North American Terrazzo's Motion for Summary Judgment,
7 which notes on November 1, 2019. (Dkt. No. 21.) North American Terrazzo has cited no
8 precedent requiring that discovery be stayed pending the outcome of a motion for summary
9 judgment; indeed, such a precedent could lead to troubling gamesmanship. Further, given the
10 tools available to litigants under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c), which provides a
11 mechanism for challenging specific inappropriate discovery requests, the Court finds a broad
12 order prohibiting discovery in this case is unnecessary. Defendant North American Terrazzo's
13 Motion is therefore DENIED.

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15 The clerk is ordered to provide copies of this order to all counsel.

16 Dated October 25, 2019.

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19 Marsha J. Pechman
20 United States District Judge
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